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Honorable Warren M. Christopher
The Deputy Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 Avenue C
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Christopher:

I was talking to our mutual friend [redacted] and he suggested I write to you. I have a question which I would like you to answer for me if you can. Could you kindly tell me what legal or moral obligation the United States Government had in returning the bodies of the people who elected to leave our Country and spend their life in Guyana? Is this a privilege accorded to all U. S. citizens who die abroad or just to certain religious groups or cults? E B6

I personally find the whole situation extremely disgusting and particularly much so by our Governments in depth involvement and fantastic cost to the tax payer. If you or one of your staff would give me a reply and possibly an answer to my original question I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request.

Very truly yours,

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